

Dist. 205 Board of Education
Apr. 28, 2008
7:42 pm – 9:38 pm

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Public: 45 Staff: 10 Press: 0
Observer: J. Dorner

The Board had been in closed session since 6:00 pm to consider the performance of and employment of specific employees, collective negotiations, student discipline, approval of closed session minutes (3/24/08, 3/31/08 & 4/8/08) and property acquisition/lease/purchase. President Davy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition: IHSA Chess Team Member Byron Chen was recognized for his accomplishments in the chess tournament – a four-way tie for 1st, but based on York's 38th place finish, Byron was awarded 3rd place.

Public Comments: Fourteen parents and relatives of students asked the Board NOT to follow-through with the planned move of the ABC (a self-contained classroom of K-2 autistic children) classroom from Jackson to Hawthorne. They said that the students would have a hard time transitioning. Many who spoke were parents of general education students who were concerned about this move.

Reorganization of the Board of Education

The following Board members were elected as officers for the upcoming year:

President – Marta Davy, Vice-President – Tom Thrall, and Secretary – Susan DeRonne.

Board Committee Appointments

Board members were assigned as follows:

- Policy Committee Members (3) – Tom Thrall, Chair, David Carlquist and Peggy Ostojic
- LEND Representative – Peggy Ostojic
- SASSED Board of Directors Representative – Deb Conroy
- IASB Delegate – Susan DeRonne
- Lizzadro Museum Representative – David Carlquist
- Park/School Representatives – Deb Conroy and Peggy Ostojic
- All existing contracts and policies were reaffirmed by the Board.

Mr. Spaeth expressed concern that there was still no finance committee structure. Mrs. Davy answered that the Board should wait to see the Strategic Plan Report and the report of the task force.

Superintendent's Communications:

Construction Budget Update:

Mr. Stewart, a McHugh Construction Manager, gave a summary of the funds used in the recent construction. Final figures were presented for construction projects at Jefferson, Lincoln, Field, Edison, Emerson, Conrad Fischer, Jackson, Bryan, Churchville and Sandburg additions/rehabs. Hawthorne is projected at \$16,840,529. The referendum budget was \$41,000,000 with an additional \$2,718,482 in interest earned. Actual costs (including the projections for Hawthorne) were \$38,666,370, leaving a surplus of \$5,052,112. The District is projecting \$1,128,901 of this surplus will be spent on air conditioning Bryan and an additional \$903,010 will be spent on water detention projects at Conrad Fischer and Jefferson, leaving slightly over \$3 million surplus. The interest amount (\$2.7 million) can be spent on anything, the remainder needs to be spent on the

schools mentioned in the referendum.

Middle School Task Force Update:

The Middle School Task Force '08 recommendations were reviewed and following are some of the changes that were suggested for '09:

- *Professional Development Time* – The meetings this year were held using late start days. Next year, an early release plan is scheduled. This may result in grade 6-12 articulation meetings.
- *Student Attendance Period/ Length of Class Periods* – This year, first period was increased by one minute (for attendance) and third period was increased by 5 minutes (announcements). Next year, first period will be 10 minutes longer for attendance/seminar). All classes will increase to 45 minutes daily (except early release days), with 2 minute passing periods, except for 4-minute lunch passing periods.

Superintendent's Agenda: The Board approved:

- Minutes from 3/24/08, 3/31/08, 4/8/08, 4/14/08
- Consent agenda
 - Financial reports
 - Freedom of Information requests
 - Illinois High School Association Membership Renewal
 - Amendment of the 2007-2008 School Calendar (for the use of one snow day).
 - Acceptance of Donation to Hawthorne Elementary School (Hawthorne PTA is donating a dishwasher (\$400 -\$500) to the newly renovated teachers' lounge. The District is assuming the additional construction costs.)
 - Acceptance of Elmhurst Library Computer Donation (Approx. 75 – 5 yr old Dell computers. This defers \$850 in computer expenses for one or two more years.)
 - Construction Budget Change Order #11 (\$299,748)
 - Construction Budget Change Order #12 (\$162,898)
 - Construction Budget Change Order #13 (\$754,109 credit)
 - Bid #08-24 Athletic Lockers for York (\$182,617), #08-25 Aluminum Bleachers for York (\$60,655), #08-26 Composition Tile and Carpet Tile for Lincoln (\$52,976)
 - Resolution for Appointment of School Treasurer – Adrian Gaerlan)
 - Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment
 - Authorization to lease secondary copiers/printers (\$1,969/month and \$0.0042/print for 60 months).

Removed from consent agenda:

- Bid #08-19 at Edison, Fischer and Lincoln Schools for asbestos abatement (\$51,000) – Mrs. Ostojic asked if further asbestos abatement is required in the schools. Mr. Klein stated that this is determined when tile/carpeting needs to be replaced. The motion carried.
- Authorization to enter into lease agreement with Providence Capital Network, LLC for computer refresh equipment lease – 461 Dell computers (\$117,935/year for four years plus \$1 buyout - \$471,741). Mr. Spaeth asked how this was being funded. Pat Masterton, Assistant Superintendent for Financing, replied that it is in the upcoming budget. The motion carried.
- Authorization to enter into lease agreement with Providence Capital Network, LLC for elementary classroom technology – 640 Dell laptop computers (\$172,904/year for four years plus \$1 buyout - \$653,796). Mr. Spaeth suggested that this request be postponed until the Board receives a report from the administration about what training, support and service

level will be available for the elementary teachers. The motion carried, with Mr. Spaeth voting nay.

- Authorization to enroll in the Technology Center of DuPage – 12 “slots” for \$4,190.24/slot for the 2008-2009 school year, the majority of which will come from a grant for Career and Technical education Improvement. Mrs. Ostojic stated that she did not want this to be seen as a support for outsourcing. The motion carried.
- Approval of 2008-2009 Board Meeting Dates, school will not be in session on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 (Election Day) and will be in session on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 (Veteran’s Day).

Board Communications: Mr. Spaeth asked that the topic that was addressed in public comment be on the next month’s agenda. Dr. Krizic agreed. Mrs. Ostojic asked when the task force would be giving their report. Dr. Krizic stated that it is currently scheduled for the meeting on May 27th (all four subcommittees). At this same meeting, the preliminary Strategic Plan results are expected. Mrs. Ostojic was concerned that not enough time would be allotted to each topic. Dr. Krizic suggested that another meeting could be scheduled.

Action out of Closed Session: The Board approved:

- The expulsion for Student “C” and “D” from York High School for the rest of this year and the entire 2008 – 2009 school year.